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Att: Contact Division
General Counsel

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Russian Emigre Politics

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1. We should like, if agreeable to you, to enlist the services of your [redacted] once more for a copyright clearance problem under the following circumstances.

2. Mr. George Kennan forwarded to the Director ten copies of a volume entitled Russian Emigre Politics, edited by Mr. George Fischer and published by the Free Russia Fund, Inc., of New York. On the back of the title page is printed "Copyright, 1951, by George Fischer". The book consists of a preface by Mr. Fischer and then four articles which Mr. Fischer has picked from other publications.

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